

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE - ACADEMY PROGRAMS

- **Correctional Officer (CIP # 0743010200)**
- **Law Enforcement Officer (CIP # 0743010700)**
- **Crossover: Corrections to Law Enforcement (CIP # 0743010702)**
- **Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer (CIP # 0743010711)**

## Career Certificates

### Vocational Credit Certificates

#### Limited-Access

As the population of Florida increases, the need for qualified law enforcement and correctional officers must correspondingly increase to meet the need. Criminal justice is a demanding profession, requiring the individual to have a working knowledge of law and criminal offenses, knowledge of apprehension and detention techniques, effective verbal and written communication skills, and excellent public and interpersonal relations skills.

Admission to these programs is limited. Applicants must achieve at least a minimum score on the required entry assessment.

Successful completion of either the Correctional Officer or the Law Enforcement Officer program, as well as a passing grade on the State of Florida Certification Examination, is required for a career as a sworn officer in corrections or law enforcement regardless of any other criminal justice training or degree work which may have been completed.

## Potential Careers

- Police Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- Correctional Officer
- Law Enforcement Officer

## Salary & Earnings Information

Police Officers and Deputy Sheriffs - \$46,816 per year  
Corrections - \$45,824 per year

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## Alternative Ways to Earn Credit

Once you have earned your certification as a Correctional Officer or Law Enforcement Officer through Valencia's Criminal Justice Institute, you may be eligible to receive credit toward Valencia's A.S. degree in Criminal Justice Technology. For more information, visit: <https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/as-degree/alternative-award-of-credit-agreements.php>

# Correctional Officer

## Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals as Correctional Officers. Program content includes the criminal justice system; weapons, basic law and legal procedures; correctional operations; communication; interpersonal skills; CPR and first aid, defensive tactics; investigation procedures; physical security considerations, and emergency preparedness techniques.

After completion of the program, students must take and pass a state examination to be certified in the State of Florida.

See the Admissions section of this catalog for admissions information and contact the Criminal Justice Institute office for admission requirements and procedures. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information section of this catalog.

## Program Outcomes

- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic correctional officer skills and knowledge in high liability training areas.
- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic correctional officer knowledge in non-high liability training areas.
- Students must complete the state mandated physical training requirements.
- Students must practice professional responsibility in accordance with the Criminal Justice Institute's regulations manual.

Course	Title	Contact Hours	Vocational Credit(s)
CJK 0031	FIRST AID FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS	40	1.333
CJK 0040	CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIREARMS.	80	2.667
CJK 0051	CMS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEFENSIVE TACTICS	80	2.667
CJK 0340	OFFICER WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL ABILITIES FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS	30	1.000
CJK 0300	INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS	32	1.067
CJK 0305	COMMUNICATIONS	40	1.333
CJK 0310	OFFICER SAFETY	16	0.533
CJK 0315	FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT	8	0.267
CJK 0320	INTAKE AND RELEASE	18	0.600
CJK 0325	SUPERVISING IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	40	1.333
CJK 0330	SUPERVISING SPECIAL POPULATIONS	20	0.667
CJK 0335	RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES	16	0.533
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>420</b>	<b>14.000</b>

Course	Title	Contact Hours	Vocational Credit(s)
<b>Other suggested course</b>			
CJD 0939	CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXAM REVIEW	24	0.800

## Law Enforcement Officer

### Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals for entry-level positions in law enforcement, such as police officers and deputy sheriffs. Program content includes introduction to criminal justice, legal knowledge, patrol techniques, defensive tactics, vehicle operation, weapons, investigations, CPR and first aid, court system, communications and interpersonal skills.

After completion of the program, students must take and pass a state examination to be certified in the State of Florida.

See the Admissions section of this catalog for admissions information and contact the Criminal Justice Institute office for admission requirements and procedures. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information section of this catalog. This program is eligible for Financial Aid.

### Program Outcomes

- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high liability training areas.
- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.
- Students must complete the state mandated physical training requirements.
- Students must practice professional responsibility in accordance with the Criminal Justice Institute's regulations manual.

Course	Title	Contact Hours	Vocational Credit(s)
CJK 0001	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	10	0.333
CJK 0012	LAW ENFORCEMENT LEGAL	62	2.067
CJK 0020	LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE OPERATIONS	48	1.600
CJK 0031	FIRST AID FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS	40	1.333
CJK 0040	CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIREARMS.	80	2.667
CJK 0051	CMS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEFENSIVE TACTICS	80	2.667
CJK 0077	LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	50	1.667
CJK 0087	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC STOPS	30	1.000
CJK 0084	LAW ENFORCEMENT DUI TRAFFIC STOPS	24	0.800
CJK 0088	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	32	1.067
CJK 0096	CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICER PHYSICAL FITNESS	60	2.000

CJK 0422	DART FIRING STUN GUN	8	0.267
CJK 0013	INTERACTIONS IN A DIVERSE COMMUNITY	40	1.333
CJK 0014	INTERVIEWING AND REPORT WRITING	56	1.867
CJK 0064	FUNDAMENTALS OF PATROL	35	1.167
CJK 0065	CALLS FOR SERVICE	36	1.200
CJK 0078	FROM CRIME SCENE TO COURTROOM	35	1.167
CJK 0092	CRITICAL INCIDENTS	44	1.467
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>770</b>	<b>25.669</b>

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<b>Other suggested course:</b>			
CJD 0939	CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXAM REVIEW	24	0.800

## Crossover: Corrections to Law Enforcement

### Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals who have completed the Correctional Officer program or who currently are certified as correctional officers for entry-level positions in law enforcement, such as police officers and deputy sheriffs. This cross-training program allows for flexibility in scheduling.

After completion of the program, students must take and pass a state examination to be certified in the State of Florida.

See the Admissions section of this catalog for admissions information and contact the Criminal Justice Institute office for admission requirements and procedures. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information section of this catalog.

### Program Outcomes

- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high-liability training areas.
- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.

Course	Title	Contact Hours	Vocational Credit(s)
CJK 0002	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	12	0.400
CJK 0393	CROSS-OVER PROGRAM UPDATES	8	0.800
CJK 0020	LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE OPERATIONS	48	1.600
CJK 0016	COMMUNICATION	24	0.800
CJK 0018	LEGAL	64	2.133
CJK 0019	INTERVIEWING AND REPORT WRITING	56	1.867
CJK 0063	FUNDAMENTALS OF PATROL	40	1.333

CJK 0021	SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY	34	1.133
CJK 0072	CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	48	1.600
CJK 0073	CRIMES INVOLVING PROPERTY AND SOCIETY	12	0.400
CJK 0079	CRIME SCENE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS	34	1.133
CJK 0400	TRAFFIC INCIDENTS	12	0.400
CJK 0401	TRAFFIC STOPS	24	0.800
CJK 0402	TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	30	1.000
CJK 0403	DUI TRAFFIC STOPS	24	0.800
CJK 0093	CRITICAL INCIDENTS	44	1.467
CJK 0421	CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPON/DART FIRING STUN GUN	4	0.133
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>518</b>	<b>17.799</b>

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**Other suggested course:**

CJD 0939	CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXAM REVIEW	24	0.800
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CJK 0020	LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE OPERATIONS	48
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**Notes:**

The Criminal Justice Institute programs are offered at the Criminal Justice Institute located at 8600 Valencia College Lane (near the East Campus).

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.

## Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer

### Career Certificate

This program is designed to prepare individuals who have completed the Law Enforcement Volunteer program for entry level volunteer positions as Law Enforcement Auxiliary Officers.

### Program Outcomes

- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit law enforcement skills and knowledge in high-liability training areas.
- Students must demonstrate state mandated basic recruit auxiliary law enforcement knowledge in non-high-liability training areas.

Course	Title	Contact Hours
CJK 0023	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	4
CJK 0024	LEGAL CONCEPTS	20
CJK 0025	PATROL AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION	12
CJK 0026	INTERACTIONS IN A DIVERSE COMMUNITY	12
CJK 0027	CALLS FOR SERVICE AND ARREST PROCEDURES	24
CJK 0028	TRAFFIC STOPS AND CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	28
CJK 0029	CRIME SCENE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURES	8
CJK 0422	DART FIRING STUN GUN	8
CJK 0031	FIRST AID FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICERS	40
CJK 0040	CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIREARMS.	80
CJK 0051	CMS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEFENSIVE TACTICS	80